

# Straight from the Gecko

October 6, 2016

*It is the mission of Green Street School to be a learning community that helps each child develop academically, socially, and creatively. Our vision is to create a safe, healthy and respectful environment where students become confident, independent learners.*

Breakfast Bell: 8:00am Tardy Bell: 8:15am  
Dismissal: 2:40 (bussers) 2:45 (walkers)

Please call the school by 8:30am if your child will be tardy or absent.



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www.

greenstreetschoolvt.org

## Mark Your Calendar!

### Thursday, October 6th

First All School Sing of the Year!  
Parents are invited to join us, every  
Thursday at 8:35-9:05am

### Friday, October 7th

Spelling Bee - 3:45 - GSS gymnasium

### Monday, October 10th

NO SCHOOL

### Friday, October 14th

Gr 5&6 to Latchis for Author visit 10-11:30

### Monday, October 17th

The Vermont Foodbank's VeggieVanGo  
Program at the Windham Regional Career  
Center! 10:00-11:00am

## START SOMETHING... Become a BIG Today!

The people at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Windham County are gearing up for a BIG volunteer recruitment campaign and could use your help! The official kick off of the 30 Bigs in 30 Days campaign is October 1st. The goal is to match the 30 children (and counting) on the waiting list by the end of 2016! Have you considered being a "Big?" Please contact Kimberly, Gina or Sarah at:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
Windham County  
32 Walnut Street, Brattleboro,  
VT 05302  
802-257-0361 ext. 142  
kimberley.diamond@youthservicesinc.org  
Visit us on Facebook! or check out  
our new website at  
<http://youthservicesinc.org/mentoring>



Big Brothers Big Sisters

## The After School Program Brochures Have Arrived!



2016-2017  
After School  
Program Brochure

- Please review the program with your child(ren) right away
- Select after school activities that match your child's interest and availability
- Submit the Program Registration Form to the office by Tuesday October 11th
- Session I (Fall) Programs begin October 17th.
- Be sure to copy down:
  - The name of the activity,
  - The days and dates it takes place
  - The name of the staff member who coordinates that activity
- You will receive a confirmation and contact information from your child's After School Program Coordinator. Keep that contact information handy, and refer questions to that person if needed.
- Check your email and child's backpack daily for notes or other information that is sent home.



## HEALTHY SNACKS!

Green Street School students have enjoyed lots of healthy snacks everyday so far this year, including veggies and dip, fruits, yogurt, granola, sesame sticks, bunny crackers, and more.

We ask parents to contribute \$5.00 per month if possible. **Please make your next Healthy Snack contribution today! Make checks out to**

**Green Street School. Please write "Healthy Snacks" and your child's name and teacher in the "memo."**

Thank you, parent Lisa Berkson for continuing to be our Snack Coordinator! Lisa consistently uses our collected funds (plus a grant from the Department of Health) to provide excellent snacks, including fresh fruits and vegetables to classrooms every week!



Monday  
October 10th,  
9am to 3pm  
**Nature Day** at  
BEEC !

On this day of no school, drop the kids off to romp, stomp and explore at the Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center as we play and learn in fields and forests, investigating the chilly changes that are taking place.

\$45/day non members, \$35/day BEEC members, scholarships available.

**Must pre-register:**

Information and registration  
[www.beec.org](http://www.beec.org) 802-257-5785



Please send your boxtops to school, to help support our 6th graders' end-of-year trip!!

**Deadline 10/7/16**



United Way  
of Windham County

The United Way is offering a Kids in Coats program

for families in need of

warm clothing. There are criteria that need to be met to receive a voucher for a coat.

The criteria are:

- Children must be between the ages of 0 through 6th grade
- Children must reside in Windham County
- Families must be at or below 130% of Federal Poverty level

Families will receive a voucher for a coat that is valid 11/1/16-1/31/17. All eligible families may not receive assistance due to limited resources. There will be a lottery system for eligible families. Please call Tracy at 254-3737, ext 305 or email [tbperrin@wseu.org](mailto:tbperrin@wseu.org) for an application.

MapleLeaf Writing Project



The Maple Leaf Writing Project is an intensive writing program and contest for fifth and sixth graders who love to write and who are up for a challenge. Student writers meet in a writing workshop with Teacher Dianne Clouet once a week during the school day from October to April. Their stories are edited and advised by professional authors. Interested students are invited to attend the Informational Kickoff on Monday October 17 at 9:15 a.m.

Author Event

Friday, October 14th Green Street students in grades 5-6 will be walking to the Latchis for the 10:00 am presentation and will return by 11:30 am. As an honorarium to our visiting author, we are requesting a \$1.00 donation per student. If your family's budget allows, please consider sending an additional dollar or two.



Want to join the All School Sing Band? Parents or Grandparents, do you play a musical instrument, and would you like to share your talents with our All School Band fun each week? Please email Ms. A ! That's Julie Ackerman-Hovis, at [jackerman-hovis@wseu.org](mailto:jackerman-hovis@wseu.org)

Teacher Meetings... What's That About?

Have you ever wondered why your child tells you he or she had a substitute teacher on the same day as the other classroom in the grade? And then you find out that two or three other teachers who work with your child were also out of school? Well, there is an explanation for this!

Twice a year, all of the teachers who work in a particular grade level from every school within the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union (WSESU) get together for a full-day "Grade Level Meeting." This provides a great opportunity for teachers to learn from one another and to hear about things going on in other schools. It's a time to check in with curriculum coordinators and coaches of the WSESU. Classroom teachers and academic support teachers come back to school with new plans to try, resources to use, and ideas to move forward with the curriculum that is being taught.



Grade Level Meetings are coming up for all elementary teachers in the WSESU between now and November 1st. So, you may hear that your child's teachers were out of the building, and a substitute teacher took his or her place for the day. A great deal of information is discussed and gathered at these meetings, and teachers are always excited to be back in the classroom with students the next day, to apply fresh ideas.

